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Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. Announces Move to Downtown Albuquerque

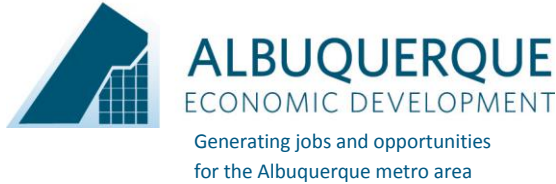
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – Today, Albuquerque Economic Development, Inc. (AED) announced that this summer, the organization will move its office to Albuquerque Plaza at 201 3rd St. NW in downtown Albuquerque. AED will occupy approximately 4,300 square feet in a suite on the 19th floor.

“A thriving downtown is critical to Albuquerque’s economic success, and AED is proud to be a dedicated partner in the revitalization of this historic area,” said Roberta Cooper Ramo, Chair of AED.

Last fall, AED’s Executive Committee established an Office Space Committee to evaluate whether to relocate the AED office when the organization’s lease expires later this spring at the UNM Science and Technology Park. Following a six-month search, the Office Space Committee selected Albuquerque Plaza as AED’s new home.

“AED’s new office space, which is often a client’s first introduction to the area, sends the message to prospective employers that the Albuquerque metro area offers businesses impressive real estate options with access to big-city amenities,” said Gary Gordon, who led AED’s Office Space Committee. “Thanks to generous support from Jim Long, the owner of Albuquerque Plaza, it will be possible for AED to locate in a welcoming, vibrant, professional office that presents Albuquerque in a positive light to clients, site selection consultants and corporate real estate professionals.”

Albuquerque Plaza is a Class A office building located within walking distance of Civic Plaza, City Hall and several restaurants, shops and galleries. The mixed-use building includes a 22-story



office tower, underground parking facilities and meeting space. The building is attached to the 395-room Hyatt Regency Albuquerque Hotel.

“We are delighted to welcome AED to Albuquerque Plaza,” said Jim Long, who owns the building. “As Albuquerque’s preeminent enterprise for attracting new companies to our city and assisting local companies with their expansion needs, AED serves a vital role in our community. At Albuquerque Plaza, we recognize the importance of providing whatever resources we have at our disposal to assist AED in achieving its mission to help create much-needed jobs for Albuquerque.”

For more information about AED, visit www.abq.org or call 505-246-6200.

About AED

AED is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to recruit business and industry, help local companies grow and generate quality job opportunities throughout the Albuquerque metro area. AED provides confidential assistance to businesses considering the area for expansion and new investment. Since its creation in 1960, AED has recruited more than 235 companies and more than 35,000 jobs to the Albuquerque metro area. AED also provides retention and expansion assistance to existing industry.